



On August 29th a hurricane named Katrina hit the United States' Gulf Coast with awesome fury, creating unprecedented destruction for our nation. The devastation to lives and property is both unimaginable and incalculable.

The first responders – fire, medical and law enforcement personnel – faced the loss of their own families and the ruin of their own homes. The professional commitment of these heroes has been tested well beyond human limitations. We salute these brave men and women.

Compassion and generosity, courage and dedication are the characteristics of our citizens' response to this epic tragedy. Our hearts and prayers are with all the victims of this terrible natural disaster and with the military personnel and countless volunteers who are giving so much.

Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox, Jr. and the entire staff of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office